

Rev. J. H. Knepper this week called our attention to a fact we had not observed or had our attention drawn to before, which is, that in 1893 there was one more Sunday than weeks, or 53 in all; that the year began and ended with Sunday and there were 5 months in the year which contained 5 Sundays each. Sunday was the banner day of the year in point of frequency of appearance but how many noticed the fact?—*Berlin (Pa.) Record.*

A prayer of resignation.

"From my cross, my burden, my adversity, I will not ask to be relieved until it please Thee to relieve me. Nay, I have no desire even to be in heaven, so long as it is Thy pleasure that I should serve Thee and Thy Church in this life of misery and toil. Let Thy will be my heaven; Thy counsel, my wisdom; Thy good pleasure, my satisfaction."

What a calm, restful and satisfied mind that must be that can so utter itself! A soul reposing on the bosom of *The Infinite!* how glorious.—Sel.

SOME one writes us that a Mr. Houston is traveling in the West, lecturing, and telling the people that he is the man baptized by Mr. Talmage in the River Jordan. He also says that Mr. Talmage dipped him in the water once backward. This very minute we have in our hand a copy of the *Christian Herald* of "March 19, 1890," in which it is said that Mr. Talmage immersed the man three separate times. Now, either Mr. Talmage's own paper does not tell the truth, or else this man Houston, lecturing in the West, is not the genuine article that came out of the river ordan.

THE following item is clipped from the *Roanoke (Ill.) Call* of a very recent date. It shows that others are not only willing to receive and fellowship trine immersion, but are willing to administer it when urged to do so. We understand that three were baptized in that way at the meeting referred to: "The controversy on baptism which has existed between the Disciple and Dunkard Brethren churches, for a quarter of a century, was brought to a close by Eld. E. E. Cowperthwaite at his recent meeting, by baptizing some of his converts by trine immersion, thus practically yielding the whole question to the Brethren.

The look-out committee in the Christian Endeavor Society, as its name implies, are constantly on the alert for new members, and they, supported by the other members of the society, can and should be a powerful auxiliary to aid the pastor in the work of building up the congregation.

From what has been said it can be plainly seen that in order to do effective work es-

pecially among the young people of a congregation, not only in gathering them in, but also in edifying them after they are in the Church, a Christian Endeavor Society, or something corresponding to it in character, is a great help, if not an absolute necessity, to every energetic pastor.

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A COVETOUS SPIRIT.

There is not a vice which more effectually contracts and deadens the feelings, which more completely makes a man's affections center in himself and excludes all others from partaking in them, than the desire of accumulating possessions. When the desire has once gotten hold of the heart it shuts out all other considerations but such as may promote its views. In its zeal for the attainment of its end it is not delicate in the choice of means.

As it closes the heart, so also it clouds the understanding. It cannot discern between right and wrong; it takes evil for good and good for evil; it calls darkness light and light darkness. Beware, then, for you know not where it may end.—*Detroit Free Press.*

BLOWING YOUR OWN HORN.

It is wonderfully easy to get into the habit of telling about what God has done or may have done by using us as instruments, in a way that leads the average person to think that we are boasting about our Christian work, and it is easy to acquire this habit without knowing it. Evangelists oftentimes, without meaning it at all in a personal way, report how many souls were saved "in my meeting;" "how many meetings I have held;" "how many Christians I have reclaimed;" "how many churches I have renewed and quickened;" "what the pastor said about me;" "what the people said about me;" and a thousand other remarks that are very much against the influence of one who is trying to do Christ's work.

Now, there is no doubt that this is done unconsciously, and without the least intention of boasting or appearing in any way to take credit for the work. Mission workers, Sunday School teachers, pastors, laymen,—every one, in fact, who are interested at all in Christian work and enthusiastic over it, are very apt to give the impression some time that it is "we" that are doing the work rather than God. Let us look out to give God the glory. Let us go out of our way even to have it understood that God is only using us as instruments. Very few people can write a report of their own work without getting in so much about themselves that it gives the wrong impression to the reader. Some can. There is great need for watching and praying in this line, that whatever is being done, whatever God is doing for us for Christ, may be spoken of so as to be used to the greatest advantage.—*Union Gospel News.*

A LESSON IN GIVING.

There is a good story on giving in a recent number of *The Treasury*. It is told by a Methodist minister. He says that in one of his charges a good man regularly gave every Sabbath five dollars for the support of the church. A poor widow was also a member of the same church, who supported herself and six children by washing. She was as regular as the rich man in making her offering of five cents per week, which was all she could spare from her scant earnings. One day the rich man came to the minister and said that the poor woman ought not to pay anything, and that he would pay the five cents for her every week. The pastor called to tell her of the offer, which he did in a considerate manner. Tears came into the woman's eyes as she replied: "Do they want to take from me the comfort I experience in giving to the Lord? Think how much I owe to him. My health is good, my children keep well, and I receive so many blessings that I feel I could not live if I did not make my little offering to Jesus each week." How many young people there are, and older ones, too, who know nothing of the privilege of regularly giving something to the Lord's work, because they have never tried it.

A revival which does not revive subscribers for church literature "is of few days and full of trouble." Men and women added to the church who will not support its institutions are like so much water in a boat. They add to its weight without giving any strength to help carry its burdens. The subscription list of the Publishing House is a reliable thermometer of the spiritual temperature of the various congregations of the Brotherhood. Every true addition to the church is an addition to the supporters and readers of the church paper. On revival occasions agents should press these claims, for the time to strike iron is when it is hot. So far as we know Brother Bashor has never held a revival without gathering subscribers for the church paper. We consider this is a part of every evangelist's duty.

Members brought into the church should be surrounded with all the helpful influences to keep them faithful to duty that it is possible to provide. What will do that better than to acquaint them through the medium of the press with the progress of the cause elsewhere, and to preach in their homes the unsearchable riches of Christ in sickness or in health in foul weather or in fair, week in and week out the year round? The deadest churches to be found in the Brotherhood are places notable for great revivals in the past. This is invariably the result where the revival is not followed by loving, laborious and wise pastoral service. Every evangelist should do his utmost to leave a church that has had a successful revival perfectly organized and equipped for feeding and protecting the lambs that God has helped him there to gather into the fold.

The only reason why some people are considered religious is because they make a good deal of noise in church.

About the leanest Christian you can find is an able-bodied preacher who has located to improve his worldly prospects.